

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, December 1878, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL New York, N. Y. December, 1878 (?) (First part of letter missing)

I want my little wife to be with me. I'll promise to be just as good as an angel — and to write the nicest letters to your father — for indeed I do love him just as much as ever I can.

Never mind puzzling your head about how you are to manage about servants and house and — and — and — etc., — but just pack your trunk for a little holiday and send it down to the depot by express this very day all ready to start on Sunday. If Mary would like to come with us — invite her to do so — if not — pension her and Mary Horne for at least a fortnight and we will manage by ourselves.

Please ascertain my balance at the Bank and if it is nil as I suspect — transfer some from your account. I shall have to draw a cheque tomorrow for (I suppose) \$40 or \$50 to pay Hotel bill and travelling expenses. You better cash a cheque for \$50 so as to have money for anything we may decide on on Sunday.

Never mind how we are going to manage — that we will settle by and by — but just decide to come with me — there's a sweet, sweet wife.

Now I must close. Your Auntie Kittie has a string of nurses long enough to reach half way to Washington 2 (according to your mode of reckoning) waiting to be examined.

If any would be suitable for you their addresses will be retained for you.

There is one nurse you can have if you like — a Swiss girl — of uncertain age — experienced — pretty — speaks French and English — sings and plays the piano — and

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does fancy work ! — In fact she is altogether — evidently suited for “ fancy work .” What a pity I have failed to retain her address!

Your loving husband, Alec.